



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me.. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mark 1: 7-8

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

January 10, 2021 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

Connect With Us

Website:
www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

Facebook:
[stpatrickshamilton](https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickshamilton)

Live Stream Mass Schedule

Weekend
Sunday | 11:30am & 7:15pm

Weekday
Tuesday to Friday | 12:15pm

*NOTE: During lockdown, the church is
CLOSED. There are NO public masses.

Sacraments

Please contact the
Administrative Centre
or visit the parish website.

Connect With Us



Parish Office Hours

The Parish office is **CLOSED** during lockdown, but there will be staff answering calls from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on Mondays to Fridays.

Location

Pastoral Centre

440 King St. East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1C6

Administrative Centre

20 Emerald St. South, Hamilton, ON L8N 2V2

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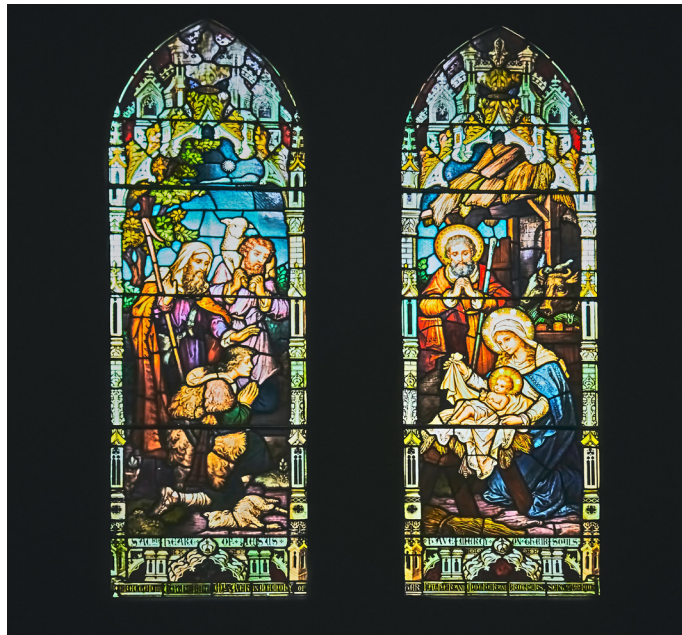
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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

BECAUSE WE HAVE FAITH



Well I guess we've just about seen it all. Christmas, New Year's and the feast of the Epiphany in lockdown. A Roman Catholic church, celebrating the birth of Christ with no one in attendance. There was no one there to witness this most special 'Christmas miracle'. No one there to greet Him or welcome Him. Just like that night, two thousand years ago. It was dark. It was quiet. It was special. It just was.

Thank you Lord for the gift of modern technology. Because of that gift, everyone within technological reach didn't miss a thing! We saw it! We celebrated it! We cherished the moment! It was almost as if nothing changed at all! Those from our parish or community who were not able to watch our LIVE Streamed masses or any mass at all online still felt it. They celebrated His birth because of their faith and because of their ability to know and understand that Christmas comes every year, regardless of whether we can see it physically or not. It is real! There are thousands of years of history that we cannot physically see, but that doesn't change our beliefs or our love of God, because we have faith.

We have spent months practicing faith over fear, so a little thing like a lockdown at Christmastime wasn't going to shake that resolve. It is rock steady and solid!

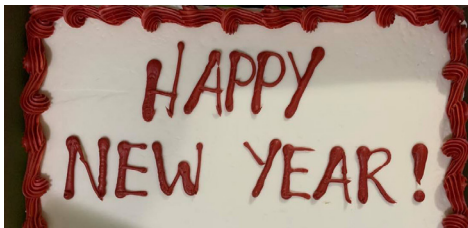
Thousands and thousands of people viewed the many online masses that were streamed on Christmas, including us. We all tuned in, watched, listened, prayed and celebrated together. Nothing can replace receiving the body and blood of Christ in person. Spiritual Communion creates a hunger and thirst to return to the table of the Eucharist when it is safe to do so!

We celebrate Christmas to remember the birth of Christ, the Son of God from no matter where we are, both in proximity and in life. The message remains clear and the same; that where there is hope, love, light and life, God's plan and purpose of is also present. A church is a building, and if we're going to reach not only those who come to church, but also those who don't – whether is it because of lockdown or distance, both physical and spiritual – then we must go beyond our walls and meet them where they are. That's Church.



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



In the midst of a lockdown the true sense of community was shining brilliantly at the De Mazenod Door just as Fr. Jarek spoke about noticing the stars around us. We have some true gems here, both inside and outside the De Mazenod Door.

We would have to take a whole page just to acknowledge all those who, over the past 2 weeks, stepped up to make this Christmas & New Years Day extra special for everyone at the Door. Whether they were inside prepping for the day, or out in the cold greeting each guest with a friendly smile, the atmosphere was that of hope. We know that there is a dark cloud of COVID lurking, but we will not live in fear! We will choose not to forget those who are struggling.

Our guests were very appreciative and expressed gratitude towards our volunteers, staff and other guests, but they also extended many well wishes of 'God Bless You'. One fellow commented by saying 'I began my 2021 with a full belly, it's going to be a good year'!

We thank everyone for their prayers, time, talents and treasures!

Friday BBQ

Jan 15, 2021

- Laura Chitwood, in memory of Dad (Joseph Drake) & in honor of Mom (Marie Drake).
- Joanna & Giovanni Pagliari
- Anonymous

Jan 22, 2021

- St. Catherine of Sienna's Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Ways to Help



Volunteer: Call the office or email Diana (our Volunteer Coordinator) at dquildon@stpatrickshamilton.ca



Donate: To support this program, go to our website: www.stpatrickshamilton.ca and click GIVE

Most Wanted Items



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BAPTISM: A CALL TO 'NEWNESS' AND 'MISSION'



Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism shows that something new is beginning through the baptism and ministry of Jesus. First, every time I read this gospel passage I am reminded of the "newness" and "identity" this sacrament brings to all of us. We become a new creature, share in His divine nature, and become His adopted children – our identity: "Baptism not only purifies from all sins but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and co-heir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 1265).

Second, Jesus' baptism is a turning point in his life. With this event, he is 'anointed' by the spirit and formally inaugurates his mission as Messiah. By sharing in Israel's baptism of repentance, Jesus has committed himself fully to the Father's call on his life: to be the obedient servant and do the will of his father. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee (MK 1: 14-15) after John's arrest. The Greek word arrested (*paradidomi*) literally means "handed over." The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

Through baptism, we are 'handed over' this mission of Christ. Analogously, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians. Our baptism empowers all of us to take part in the ministry of Christ to preach this good news of love and salvation to all. The Second Vatican Council Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, stresses that there is really one vocation in the Christian life, and that is to share in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. This feast of the baptism of our Lord reminds us of this unique and personal Christian vocation and our role as members of His body, the Church. We are sent forth from the baptismal waters to "walk always as a child of light" and keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts. We are called to witness to our baptisms in our lives.

May today's solemnity be a favorable opportunity for us to rediscover with joy the beauty of their own Baptism, which is an ever-timely reality if it is lived with faith: it ceaselessly renews within us the image of the new person, in holiness of thought and action. May the Virgin Mary obtain for us an ever-deeper understanding of the value of our Baptism and witness to it by leading a dignified life.

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WEEKEND READINGS



Jan 10, 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:
1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10:
34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:
13-17

Jan 17, 2021

1st Reading: 1 Samuel
3: 3b-10, 19

2nd Reading: 1
Corinthians 6: 13c-15a,

17-20
Gospel: John 1: 35-42

MORE WAYS TO GIVE



As a parish, we are striving to share Christ and His message of love with everyone. One of the main teachings of the Church is the importance of community - we would not be able to progress in our mission without you. Please consider supporting us financially through the following outlets:

1. Drop off or mail your donation envelopes to the secure mailboxes at the:

- Pastoral Center: 440 King St. East, Hamilton ON, L8N 1C6
- Administration Offices: 20 Emerald St. South, Hamilton ON, L8N 2V2

2. Canada Helps

- Please visit stpatrickshamilton.ca - at the top right hand corner of the page, you will see a tab to "Give." Hover over it and select "Donate Now" - this will take you to the Canada Helps website.
- Choose to give to the "General" fund. This will go towards supporting the parish.

3. E-transfer

- You can transfer your donation right from your bank account to the parish. Please transfer to parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca

4. Pre-Authorized Giving

- This is the easiest method. Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your account at your chosen frequency.
- To set this up, please call our office at 905-522-9828 and ask to speak with Rita or pick up a form at our Administration Office or when you are here for mass.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday | Jan 12
12:15 PM

- Special Intention
- Ana De Jesus
- Stefania Nowak

Wednesday | Jan 13
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Edna & Al Mathias
- Special Int: Francesca Lobo & Family

Thursday | Jan 14
12:15 PM

- Maria Ferreira
- Steve Settle

Friday | Jan 15
12:15 AM

- Special Int: Jacob
- Angelino Ferreira & Palmira De Jesus

Sunday | Jan 17
11:30 AM

- Elizabeth Smith
- Rolendis Portas

7:15 PM

- Palmira De Jesus
- Fr. Bill O'Brien
- Margo Soloman

Tuesday | Jan 19
12:15 PM

- Mary Murray
- All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday | Jan 20
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Br. Dan Dionne & Family

Thursday | Jan 21
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Leon Blais & Family

Friday | Jan 22
12:15 PM

- Fred & Fran O'Brien
- Domenico Versace & De Leonardo Family

Sunday | Jan 24
11:30 AM

- Special Int: Jacob
- 7:15 PM
- Angelino Ferreira

*Mass intentions that were requested before lockdown will be moved to weekday and Sunday masses. Thank you.

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



Dec 24, 2020 - Jan 3, 2021

MASS	Facebook	Website
Christmas Eve	185	122
Christmas Day	135	37
Sun, Dec 27, 11:30 AM	147	77
Sun, Dec 27 7:15 PM	81	48
New Year's Eve	85	80
New Year's Day	116	64
Sun, Jan 3, 11:30 AM	160	89
Sun, Jan 3, 7:15 PM	111	40

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Collection Stats since our last bulletin will be released with our next bulletin and will include our most recent statistics.

IN OTHER NEWS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREETINGS!



The St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Team would like to extend our gratitude for all the warm greetings and well-wishes over the Christmas season! The kindness received from parishioners and friends were a very welcome sharing of joy and cheer, especially during these trying and uncertain times. Thank you and we certainly hope that you and yours had a joyful Christmas this year! May God bless your 2021!

VIRTUAL FAMILY GAME NIGHT

On Tuesday, Dec 29, 2020, we held our first ever Virtual Family Game Night! We had 17 families and a few spectators who joined us in what unravelled to be a very wholesome and fun-filled night! Three rounds of games were played and each family definitely competed to accumulate points. There were lots of laughs – a good sign that our goal of spreading cheer during this season, and this Christmas in particular, was being achieved. Thank you to all who participated and stay tuned – we may be having another one soon!

Congratulations are in order for our winners:

1st Place: The Creaghan Family

2nd Place: The Clarke Family

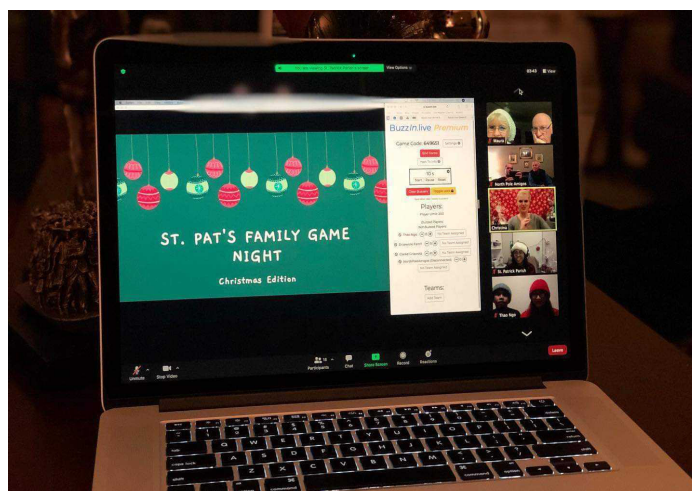
Best Costume: "Mrs. Claus and Elf" (Catherine & Laurie)

Best Decorations: The Drzewicki Family 1

Best Performance: David and Thao

Most Energetic: "The Geezers" (Margaret & Stephen)

Best Team Participation: The Dobrowolski Family



IN OTHER NEWS

REST & HYGIENE STATION HAS RE-OPENED

In response to the lockdown, we have re-opened the Rest & hygiene Station out of the back of our church. This is in an effort to provide access to basic necessities, such as use of the restroom, light refreshments and rest, to the vulnerable and marginalized in our community. During lockdown, we are open 7 days a week from 2-5 PM.

This effort would not be possible without the help of volunteers. If you are interested in helping us with this outreach ministry, please call our office or contact dquildon@stpatrickshamilton.ca and jasuncion@stpatrickshamilton.ca

We are also accepting monetary donations so that we can maintain the heating, lights and refreshments that we provide during our hours of operation. Alternatively, we are accepting donations of new hygiene products (i.e. toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, etc.), new socks (for men and women) and new underwear (for men and women).

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!



FOSTER/ADOPTION INFORMATION WEBINAR

There will be a foster/adoption information webinar of February 3, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm.

Anyone interested can join this online information session to learn more about the opportunities to foster and adopt through the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton. This will be an interactive webinar where you can join the conversation and ask questions. Please contact Jennifer Veenstra to pre-register for this no-cost webinar at 905-525-2273 or via email at jennifer.veenstra@hamiltonccas.on.ca



IN OTHER NEWS

LOCKDOWN LIVE STREAM MASS SCHEDULE

While in lockdown, churches are to remain closed. This means that we can no longer accommodate faithful who wish to come to masses in-person. However, we continue to live-stream our masses:

- Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday at 12:15 PM
- Weekend Masses: Sunday at 11:30 AM and 7:15 PM

You can access our masses through our website (stpatrickshamilton.ca) or our Facebook page (fb.me/stpatrickshamilton).



CONTACTING OUR OFFICE DURING LOCKDOWN



The parish office is closed but we have staff working remotely to answer your calls. If your call is not answered, please leave a voice message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

There are secure drop boxes at both our Pastoral Center (440 King St. E) and our Administration Office Building (20 Emerald St. S) where you can drop off donations and offering envelopes.

SACRAMENTS



During lockdown, we are unable to offer the sacraments as we normally would due to the restrictions in place for in-person gatherings.

Booking for baptisms is on hold until the lockdown is lifted.

The sacrament of reconciliation is available only in urgent circumstances and by appointment only. Please call the office for more information.

For more information about booking weddings and marriage preparation, please contact us.

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTION

The bulletin will be released every 2 weeks, rather than every week, during lockdown. We invite you to continuously refer to our website for the latest news of the happenings within the parish. Alternatively, you can subscribe to our bulletin-release emails to get the bulletin sent right to you. Give our office a call to leave your email or send an email to llacerna@stpatrickshamilton.ca to indicate that you are interested in subscribing. You can unsubscribe at any time.

